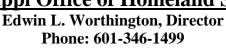
Operational Advisory No. <u>07-2005-01A</u>

Date: <u>July 7, 2005</u>



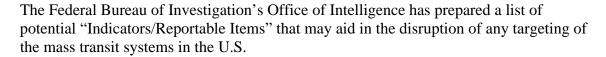
Mississippi Office of Homeland Security



Website: www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov



(Ref. Advisory No. 07-2005-01)



- Threats to US transit system received via phone, email, letters
- Suspicious questions regarding mass transit operations, equipment, facilities and security procedures
- Suspicious attempts to gain employment related to mass transit systems
- Surveillance of US mass transit systems (schedules, routes, number of cars/passengers)
- Tests of transit system security response times and methods (e.g., leaving unattended bags in public areas)
- Increase in anonymous telephone or e-mail threats to facilities in conjunction with suspected surveillance incidents-indicating possible surveillance of threat reaction procedures
- Possession of highlighted maps indicating mass transit infrastructure
- Individual originates from a country of concern and possesses incomplete, doctored and/or multiple travel identification documents
- Possession/storage of weapons, poisons, explosives
- Individuals wearing oversized coats or carrying backpacks with visible wires or excessive bulkiness



- Placing backpacks or suitcases in a different compartment than the one being occupied
- Recovery of weapons and/or explosives manuals or bomb-making literature in areas of close proximity to mass transit systems
- Theft of transit system security, first responder, maintenance badges, uniforms or related equipment
- Abandoned vehicles near mass transit routes with exposed wires, a strong odor, missing tags and/or VIN numbers
- Purchase of one-way travel ticket, especially using cash

Issued by: Sol Mating

Director of Planning and Operations